

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY SOFIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7597

INFO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST

AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY PARGUE

AMEMBASSY WARSAW

USLO PEKING

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, CH, BU

SUBJECT: ABSENCE OF PRC AMBASSADOR

REF: BUDAPEST 362

1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT PRC AMBASSADOR CHAO CHIN DEPARTED SOFIA EARLY JANUARY FOR PEKING. ACCORDING TO PRC EMBOFF, AMBASSADOR "ON LEAVE IN CHINA" UNTIL MID-MARCH.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH JANUARY SOCIAL SCHEDULE IN SOFIA IS QUIETER THAN OTHER MONTHS, WE SHARE IMPRESSION IN REFTEL THAT PRC REPRESENTATIVES HERE KEEPING LOW PROFILE AS PRESS AND MEDIA ATTACKS ON PRC INCREASE. EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE BEEN ABSENT FROM SOME WESTERN FUNCTIONS THEY WOULD NORMALLY ATTEND, AND BOTH ROMANIAN AND FRENCH COLLEAGUES REPORT THAT INVITATIONS TO

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PRC REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN TURNED DOWN, ALTHOUGH

TOW ATTENDED RECENT FRG FUNCTION. AMBASSADOR'S  
ABSENCE MAY ACCOUNT FOR SOME OF THIS RETICENCE, BUT  
WE ALSO ASSUME THAT PRC EMBASSY OFFICERS ARE  
RELUCTANT TO BE PUT INTO POSITION OF BEING PUMPED  
FOR REACTIONS TO CURRENT ANTI-PEKING CAMPAIGN.  
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